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DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

Statement
in response to the address by Tánaiste and Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Trade of Ireland Mr. Eamon Gilmore, T.D.
delivered by Ambassador Ashot Hovakimian
at the 869th (Special) Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
23 June 2011

We would like to extend our warm welcome to H.E. Mr. Eamon Gilmore, Tánaiste and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland. We appreciate your insightful address, which certainly raises expectations, at least of my delegation, from upcoming Irish Chairmanship.

We believe that Irish contribution to the security, cooperation and dialogue within and across of our community will reinforce the very spirit of this organization.

The historic commitment of Ireland and its brave and proud people to freedom, self-determination, justice and dignity is dear to any community of people aspiring just and secure own nation. Likewise, Ireland's achievements in modern state-building come to prove that uncompromising spirit of freedom can be effectively translated into rule of law, protection of all human rights and good governance.

As a nation whose battle for freedom and self-determination set goals of promoting human rights, we are pleased to note that human rights and rule of law will be thoroughly reflected in the Irish priorities.

My delegation did not yet study all priorities put forward in the same meticulous way as our upcoming chairmanship drafted them. But we are very much encouraged by the readiness of the Irish chairmanship to advance cooperation in all three dimensions by substantive and well-defined approaches.

For the time being I will confine myself to general comments.

In our view a viable and legally binding Arms Control regime is vital in ensuring stability and predictability for all our security community and we concur with assessment that an effective Arms Control regime for Europe remains to be key in our indivisible and comprehensive security in the OSCE region. Likewise, we are supportive to the anticipated update and revision of the Vienna Document.

We took note with appreciation of Ireland's focus on promoting good governance as core theme in the second dimension which is very much consonant with our priorities. Apparently, the economic and environmental aspects of good governance can create effective synergies with policies being implemented in other dimensions unless they are pertinent to the overall economic and environmental performance.

Armenia sees the human dimension as an important platform for cooperation with the partner countries and the OSCE institutions and looks forward to develop the ideas of the upcoming Chairmanship into a constructive agenda of cooperation.

We highly appreciate Ireland's sincere readiness, marked by self-acquired expertise, in conflict resolution, to facilitate efforts aiming at resolving conflicts in the OSCE region in a peaceful and negotiated manner within the agreed formats. We believe that the Irish expertise in conflict resolution gives a hope for peace and that parties to the conflict will choose to be parties to the conflict resolution.

Armenia is committed to the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. We accepted the basic principles as a basis for the negotiations of the settlement and welcomed the last statement delivered by the heads of the states of the Minsk Group Co-chair countries in Deauville. We are looking forward to the endorsement of the basic principles by Azerbaijan and to registering irreversible progress in the upcoming Kazan meeting.

In conclusion, we would like to express our gratitude for holding this very useful discussion and wish all the best to you, your dedicated team and especially to our dear colleague Ambassador O'Leary, in preparing Ireland's upcoming chairmanship.

Thank you.